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James Monroe or John Hay?

has laid down the principle - the only of cadets agree that a sense of "honor principle - upon which the work of constructing the Nicaragua Canal should be undertaken by this Government at the injuries because he did not immediately cost of the people of this nation:

"I most earnestly hope that the pending treaty unless amended so as to provide that the canal when butle shall be wholly under the control of the United States, alike in peace and war. This seems to me vital, no less from the standpoint of our sea power than from the standpoint of the Monroe Doctrine."

Thus spoke THEODORE ROOSEVELT, and what American with red blood and fearless lips will say him nav?

The man who will preside over the Senate until THEODORE ROOSEVELT is sworn in as Vice-President has declared the right of this nation to proceed to build and control the Nicaragua Canal without regard to the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty:

"The United States is at present under no obligation, measured either by the terms of the convention, the principles of public law or good morals, to refrain from promoting. in any way that it may deem best for its just interests, the construction of this canal without regard to anything contained in the con-

WILLIAM P. FRYE signed that declaration tions, along with JOHN T. MORGAN, JOHN of the United States to-day does not know In his heart that WILLIAM P. FRYE is right?

the American right; and the only obstacle retary of State, the Hon. JOHN HAY.

The purpose of Secretary HAY is to vindicommitted, perhaps, rather in the rashany lack of patriotism-by enacting that blunder into the supreme law of the land at tion of the Monroe Doctrine.

We understand that Mr. Hav has threatened to leave the Cabinet unless the whole to procure the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty unamended.

If that is the alternative now presented et John Hay go while the Monroe Doctrine remains to be for the Twentieth century what it has been during the greater part of the Nineteenth, the guiding principle of American policy on this continent!

The Death of Cadet Booz.

The declaration of the authorities at West Point and of some of the high officers of the Regular army that there is nothing to investigate and that there will be no Investigation of the alleged hazing of Oscan L. Booz, the former cadet at West Point, who resolution for a Congressional investigation of the circumstances leading to young Booz's death has been introduced by Representative DRIGGS of New York and will undoubtedly, in the present state of public sentiment, pass unanimously.

This much, we believe, is unquestioned concerning this sad affair; Oscar L. Booz was admitted to the Military Academy from Pennsylvania on June 20, 1898. He came home on Oct. 31 of the same great deal of fist fighting took place among in it. This made him unpopular, so that ated then. he was called "Bibles," and a subscription was passed around in the Academy to buy pepper and, he had reason to believe, Tabasco sauce. Some of this mixture paladvancement in the world, was thrown into his eyes and injured on his bare feet and a tooth knocked out, this city and Philadelphia discovered upon the cadets who ill-treated him.

This statement was on Sunday given to a reporter of the Herald by Col. Mills, the Superintendent of the Academy:

" Hooz was not a favorite with his classmates and was not liked by the old cadets. He had a quarrel with a order and was called out to a personal encoun-

lo a cadet's being called out to meet another in a per and they are remediable. They must grow up soldiers, and not cowards. They must stand teady to meet an eveny at a moment's

On Monday night Col. Mills made a gen-

plain to his friends his reasons for leaving the Academy. He made no complaint of ill treatment at the hands of other cadets. He was under orders to do so fered with or molested by older endets ducing his entire stay at the Military Academy.

If there is not cause here for an official investigation it would be hard to find an distinguishes politics and public men. instance in which there was. Fist fighting that they are expected to beat their way liable to be "called out" to "personal The man who will preside over the United encounters" when ver any other cadet than diminishing proportionately. States Senate after the fourth of next March | feels like it or whenever any number

or a love of sport demands it. Col. Mills argues that Booz received no tell the authorities all that had happened to him, and that it would have been imconcerning the isthmian canal will not be ratified possible anyway for the young man to have avoided the sick report. "He made no complaint of ill treatment," says Col. Millis. "Why, he was under orders to do so if such treatment was accorded." What part can such orders play in such surroundings? It is stated that the man who forced the mixture down young Booz's throat is perfectly well known and that he is now one of the most popular cadets at the Academy. If what has been told is true that young man must be detached from the service and made to bear his just load of obloquy.

A Reformer From England.

Dr. STANTON COIT of London was imthe head of the University Settlement in the authors are men of talent. Eldridge street for the improvement of the moral and social condition of that crowded district of New York. He did not prove of a former Committee on Foreign Rela- valuable in that capacity and was superseded accordingly. Why he was not the SHERMAN, WILLIAM M. EVARTS, GEORGE | man for that particular place or for any F. EDMUNDS and others; and what Senator place requiring a modicum of common land writers, "Dare to be a KIPLING?" sense in its occupant is now made evident n an address delivered by Dr. Corr at There we have the American duty and | Philadelphia last Sunday.

"The uniform conclusion of all thinking to the performance of the duty and the men now," he said, is that "democracy is a is supposed to be sovereign this has become so apparent that people are turning away cate an initial blunder of his own-originally from it with horror." Especially is this the case in America, he went on. "The ness of inconsiderate ambition than from vilest side of American life is where the government by the people is supreme; whereas the private life, the family life incalculable cost to this nation in the future, and the individual culture are the stability and to the utter abandonment and destruc- of the Nation and the pride of it." "Democracy," he repeated, "is corruption." The men who founded the Republic in power of the Administration be exerted and more intelligent." Now "our best better. The country must have novels people take no interest in politics because

their hands are tied." That is the sort of man who was selected of the most crowded district of New York! Not one of Dr Cott's assertions is sustained by any procurable facts.

thinking men " think or are justified in thinking that "democracy is a failure" because of any of its present manifestations in any part of the world. If there is distrust of it anywhere it is bred of prejudice and not supported by any superior results achieved by countries where it does not exist. As England has grown more democratic it has grown more powerful now lies dead as the result, it is alleged, and its Government has been strengthened They lived at a time when the development cause he assigned was weak eyes; but animosities were intense and corrupt prac- the consequent exclusion of light. tices prevailed at elections. The moral son was injuries received at the hands tone of Washington was far lower than it

In elections and in all Government, national, State and municipal, there has been him a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Finally steady improvement and the condition of it was insisted that he should have a the people has improved with it, as Dr. fight with a member of an upper class, a Cost would have found if he had read Amer- ing house, No. 122, who had erected one dragged back and forced to drink a mix- the poorest now. Take New York as an had also erected a similar fence: ture which, he was afterward told, con- example. In every epartment of its sisted of Worcestershire sauce and red government and civilized development it dangerous in causing and promoting fires, &c. and

All this has been done under democracy. His family physician and specialists in world. Nothing that parallels its progress, fivedays. of urban democracy would be justified. Actually they are resented and resisted and

to remove evils of public administration institute any appropriate proceeding to corwhen once its attention is properly directed | rect or remove such violation. tty, alleging that OSCAR L. Hooz was atto | pean capitals, however, New York is almost

the real cause of his resignation, and I think it most tury he was shocked by the low moral amining "the stoves, pipes, ranges, furnaces for many of our large seats of learning. At probable the stories of his sueged ill treatment arise | tone of New England, and Journals of trav- and heating apparatus of every kind whatfrom statements he has made in endeavoring to extellers here at that period dwell on the soever, including the chimneys, flues and f such was accorded him. From impulses made I not far removed from barbarous degrada- ties, and also all chemical apparatus or an convinced this particular cadet was little inter- tion. Under democracy has succeeded an other things which in his opinion may be

at West Point, so far from being an in- ties!" How was it at the election on the of the same. But the Charter fails to aufrequent affair, against order and disci- | 6th of November and how will it be at the thorize the Fire Marshal to make any atpline and, at best, barely tolerated upon municipal election next year? Dr. Corr tack on fences, and, of course, he cannot serious occasion, is a practice systematically | could not have been in New York to see the , use his power to interfere in a controversy encouraged, having a legitimate place great Sound Money Parade on the Saturday which really comes under the jurisdiction in the training of these young men. Public | before the election for President. The truth | of the Department of Buildings. publication wish to have rejected articles returned, they notice is given to the boys who go there is that the interest in politics among our through the place as pugilists. They are earnest and so active as it is now. The not criminal the motive or purpose of the voting at the elections is increasing rather

"Democracy a failure?" The State looks with wonder and envy is the democratic American Republic.

"Dare to Be a Kipling." In a discourse before the New England Womens' Club, Mr. NATHAN HASKELL DOLE made an earnest plea for greater originality in art and literature," Such pleas are often made, but their only effect, if any they have will be to stimulate the eccentric and the bizarre. It is useless to sit down in cold blood and ink and say " I will be original." The man or woman must have the gift to see things hitherto unobserved or to see them in a new and true way. Mere of the striving to be original. Several ingenious gentlemen of France and Belgium have been engaged for years in the attempt to create a new French poetry and prose or several new French poetries and proses. ported to this country and established at | Their efforts are mere curiosities, although

A man like KIPLING finds a whole undiscovered realm and annexes it to literature He was original without knowing it. He saw what was before his eyes and was not studying to be original. Will Mr. Dole say to each of the innumerable New Eng-

As for American art, while there is an ocean of mediocrity in it as there is in the art of all countries, is it not now in the most original phase it has ever had, and producing works of merit and distinction? assertion of the right is the present Sec. failure," " wherever the will of the people Names like SABGENT and ABBEY should suggest as much to Mr. Dolle.

Poetry pines because everybody can turn it out, but there is plenty of originality in other branches. MARY WILKINS, JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS, BRET HARTE, THOMAS NELSON PAGE-are these imitators of anybody except themselves? Every- able difficulties to the scientific investigator. body reads novels; in time everybody may come to write them. There is much humbugging, much imitation of a vein found 1776-1783 were relatively at more leisure of good novel writing; and there will be small scale, in the model tank. and it is rich in subjects for them. The brains and hands to make them are already here or will be found. So far as they strain to lead a movement for the reformation after originality, they will be in error. So far as it is theirs, it needs no urging.

The Right to Erect Spite Fences, Some interest has been recently excited in this city by a conflict over what are gen-

erally known as "spite fences." Some eight years ago, WILLIAM H. POST, tone of politics was lower than it is now, of the private dwellings at Nos. 118 and the American yacht has been taken. Bossism," of which we hear so much talk 122 planted long poles in their yards and We must trust to what our builder, Hen-

DRYER, the owner of the adjoining dwell- purposes of Cup defence.

"The premises at 122 Flist place are considered height of 48 feet, whereas the same a muld be but to ALONZO BRYMER."

either in rapidity or extent, is afforded in | The question arises, what is the existing to January and is as good in March as examination that the membrane of his the history of any other nation in ancient law? In 1888 the Legislature passed an in Junc. However much cast down, the throat had been blistered in some way and or modern times. It i true that there act entitled "An act to revise and com- brethren should lift up their drooping heads that ulcers had developed thereon. Tuber- are grave evils associated with our munic- bine in a single act all existing special and begin to make the programmes of food culosis of the throat set in and from this ipal government, in New York, for ex- and local laws affecting public interests and speech for Jackson Day the young man died last Monday night, ample; and if there was public indifference In the city of Brooklyn," and in Title XIV. He declined to tell his father the names of to them Dr. Corr's special denunctation of this act is found the existing statutory ranged by the National American Woman government of demonstrated excellence, title of the law of 1888 were continued in as in other fairs. If he could compare the New York of to- force by section 647 of the Greater New day with the New York of fifty years ago, York Charter. In this Brooklyn law is of twenty-five years ago, he would find contained, in section 24, the following ter He went outside the Academy to meet another reason to extol democratic government. provision about fences; "Fences of wood codet in a fair fight, but when the crucial moment. Of all government the municipal is the shall not be erected over 10 feet high." came, I am told, he burst into tears. His attitude most difficult in modern times, yet prac- In the same act, however, it is provided fied that any structure, the erection, con-The present agitation for the moral struction or alteration of which is forbidden cleansing of this town is a proof of the by the title, has been erected, constructed sensitiveness of the democratic conscience or altered in violation of any of the proand the readiness and ability of democracy visions of the title, the Commissioner may beaten.

to them. As compared with the Euro- It, therefore, appears from an examination of the law, that if the structure be a to such an extent that he is now doing London, for instance, in the special matter line between the two lots, it can be any monument of stone from its effects, are untrue and tidleulous. Ex Cadet hooz was admitted to the Mulitary Academy June tion here. Nor has the rapid growth of taken by the Commissioner of Buildings. 20, 1898, and resigned Oct. 21, 1898. He was on sick triport but once, July 20, when he was excused from New York under the democratic rule com- by virtue of this express provision of the the drills for that day on account of diarrhora. Had plattied of by Dr. Corr been accompanied Building law of 1888. It may well be doubted, he been brutally besten in a fight with another cadet by a corresponding increase in victous however, whether the Fire Marshai has or had his throat been induced in the manner claimed. | manifestations. Relatively the town was | any right to interfere in the matter, even It would have been impossible for him to have avoided worse in that respect a generation ago, under the specious plea that the structure bilities of the head of any great American The reason given for his resignation was weak the beginning of this century and in question is dangerous in causing or university is the ability to attract the active promoting fire. The Fire Marshal is aumatics and the marks he received to the date of temporary records prove. When White- thorized by the Charter to enter into any crease of income through falling rates of his resignation were deficient. I believe therein lies FIELD visited this country in the last cen-

evidences of moral depravity encountered pipes with which the same may be conby them, practices prevailing which were nected, engine rooms, boilers, ovens, ketaverage moral and social elevation not | dangerous in causing or promoting fires," equalled elsewhere in the world. Mean- and in the case of the neglect or refusal goth instant, THE SUNDAY SUN will publish suit of his summer's outing time, as we have said, a far higher tone of the owner or occupant to remove or remedy the defective or dangerous appara-"Our best people take no interest in poli- tus, to cause the alteration or removal

It is a general rule of law that in so far best people" was never so general, so as legal rights are concerned, in matters individual matters not, so long as he keeps within his rights and does not violate any common law inhibition or statutory proneighbor from looking into one's windows, be acquired over one's neighbor's lot by an overlooking window, on the other hand, the neighbor has an absolute right to erect whatsoever structure he may see fit on his own premises, provided it be not contrary to the provisions of the Building act. It is certain that, whether these wooden fences in First place be prohibited or not, the owner of the lot would have an absolute right to build a brick wall in the same place, provided such brick wall were built within the restrictions of the Building act. The preclosities of style are the usual result general principle is that a freeholder owns his land and all above it and all beneath it, and can do as he pleases with his own property, whether he be inspired by what is called "spite" or by ill will, or be prompted by some loftier motive. Provided they are not dangerous in them selves, spite fences are logically as unpreventable erections as brick walls.

Shamrock II, and the Tank

We have received from a noted expert

yacht of 1901: "TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SE that the Shamrock II is building at DENNY's yard at Dumbarton, does not seem to have excited the inhave done. The DENNYS have the only private model ing tank in the world. FROUDE, working for the British Admiralty, has obtained most remarkable results in the Government tank at Greenwich, and our own Government has recently established such a testing tank at Washington. The speeds of warships and merchantmen of unusual model have been predicted with absolute accuracy after experiments in such a tank. Though the problem of testing the of a steamer, it is not one which presents unsurmount-

"There are decided differences of conditions, but these differences are thoroughly well known, and with the assistance of a first-class yacht designer like WATSON there would be no great diffic commercially successful, yet there is plenty | reproducing all the conditions of actual sailing, on a

> " If LIPTON has had these experiments made, and it seems probable that he has, we may have a more difficult proposition to deal with next August than we imagine now. HERRESHOFF'S genius may win, in spite of the fact that we have made no such elaborate preparation for defence, but does it seem wise to give so great an advantage to an opponent, who in any case is not at all to be despised?

"NEW YORK, Dec. 4. CLINTON H. CRANE." Two big boats are understood to be building in England on Watson designs, one at but what seems the better authority says in the Bible are deterrent. Shamrock II, is at HENDERSON'S. The the owner of a lot at No. 120 First place, Prince of Wales and the German Emperor Brooklyn, erected an apartment house on have each been suspected of being the the history of suicide. his premises, and the owners of the ad- prospective owner of the other boat, and joining lots, Nos. 118 and 122, objected this rumor has given rise to the idea that because the flat was so constructed that whichever of those two gentlemen is really of brutal treatment there, calls for repudia-tion by the Secretary of War. Indeed, a has been the result. So far from the found-has been the result. So far from the founders of the Republic having had more leisure | sloping walls in the rear of the well, the oc- in America. That is not a very credible than people of the present they had less. | cupants of the flat could look into the back | scheme, and we incline, moreover, to think windows of the private houses on either that the Henderson boat is Sir Thomas's. of the country was only beginning and side. In order to protest practically against | But whoever his builder is, DENNY or HENfacilities necessary to ease were few. The the invasion of their privacy, the owners person, tank or no tank, the plunge for

as if it was a recent growth, was already built thereon board fences which extended | neshopp, knows already. It is too late for established in every colony Corruption upward 48 feet on the north side and 52 him to learn more, for his boat is begun. We hampered grievously the progress of the feet on the south side. All this was done imagine her model was really made be-Revolution. When the Union was established about eight years ago, and it is asserted fore the sails had been taken off the Columyear, having voluntarily resigned. The and for half a century afterward partisan that the apartment house was injured by bia, her designer having studied how she might be improved as he watched her It now appears that the Corporation moving up to windward of the Sham-Counsel refused to take proceedings to rock. It will be extremely interesting of his fellow cadets. He found that a is now. Conduct and courses in public compel the removal of these high fences if an experiment tank, devised primarily men which would be impossible now, in on the ground that the fences antedated for trying the models of steamers, should the cadets, and he had no desire to engage | the face of public reprobation, were toler- | the existing statute. Last November, | be the determining factor in finally carryhowever, the Fire Marshal of Brooklyn, ing the America's Cup back to England ALONZO BEYMER, at the request of counsel again, but we may enjoy the winter, for the owner of the apartment house, Mr. spring and early summer in confidence that Post, served the following notice on Louis | Herreshoff is still all-sufficient for the

Nothing in these remarks, however, man much larger and much stronger than lean history Hardships of existence of the fences in question, and served a should be interpreted as an intention to himself. He broke from the ring of stu- once accepted as inevitable even by the like notice on HENRY HYAMS, the owner discourage yachtsmen outside of the Beldents when he met his antagonist, but was richest ould be resented as intolerable by of No. 118, the other adjoining house, who mont-stillman syndicate from having other builders than HEBRESHOFF try their hand.

> The Hon Groude L. Wellington of Mary are in their present condition a violation of the law in | land must find himself lonely in the Senate.

It is about time for our Bryanite friends feet high. You will therefore reduce the height of to prepare to celebrate Jackson Day once his sight. Hot grease was also poured The Nation has grown from a feeble Power said fence to the leight presented by the Building more. With them that festival is a vagrant to be one of the greatest States of the Code of the City of New York, to wit, 10 feet, within In the calendar and rolls with the rolling year. It belongs to December as much as

provision relating to the erection or con- Suffrage Association it is noticeable what

of Haverhill on Tuesday was a repetition of what happened last month in the general election for President. A new party, the Socialist party, to which Democrats and Republicans alike were opposed, had sprung up in tically it is better than that of the country under "Legal Remedies" that, whenever Haverbill and having become powerful, Demo-I do not feel called upon to inquite into an occur tically it is better than that of the country under "Legal Remedies" that, whenever that whenever the country outside of cities. Its defects are apparent the Commissioner of Buildings is satisficially it is better than that of the country under "Legal Remedies" that, whenever that whenever the country outside of cities. Its defects are apparent the Commissioner of Buildings is satisficant to the country outside of cities. Democratic, but it was radically antagonistic

being taken down, it is safe to say that the

versity is quoted as saying that the authorident to succeed Dr. GILMAN "who must possess business acumen as well as intel-

the same time the demand for more money keeps on through increased attendance of students and through the necessity of keeping up equipment of all kinds Business ability is among the first requirements of

the successful American college President. a series of articles on the History of the Nineteenth Century in these subjects:

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upon whose advancement the whole world | hibition. It may be ethically wrong to | Religion ... Cardinal GIBBONS and GOLDWIN SMITE erect a high wall or fence to prevent a The writers are in each instance the recognized living authorities in their respective but while no easement of light and air can | fields and the series is the most important of all similar publications heretofore made or announced.

SPEED OF STEAMSHIPS IN FOG. An American Admiralty Lawyer Corrects the

London "Times" Correspondent. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I saw in THE SUN of vesterday an item about collisions at sea and the speed of steamships in fog, in which it is said that the New York correspondent of the London Times was informed by "a great authority" that "the rule of the Admiralty Court is fixed. If there be a collision between a steamship and a sailing vessel in a fog, and if the steamship be going over three knots an hour, she is held to be in fault, no matter what the salling vessel does."

Either the "great authority" was misunderstood, or he was very far from being an authority. There is no such fixed rule, either in the Admiralty Court of England, of which the "great authority" would seem to have been speaking, or of any other country, The only "rule" there is on the subject is not a rule made by any court, but the statute rule of the inter national collision rules, that in a fog a steamship must "go at a moderate speed."

The Admiralty Courts are continually called on to decide whether in a case before them the steamship these comments concerning the American | has obeyed this rule or not. In the endeavor to give re definition to the term "moderate speed," the it he duty of avoiding a saling vessel in a log, it he duty of avoiding a saling vessel in a log, he is going at such speed that she has not time avoid her after the presence of the saling vessel is uguet to be known, that speed is not moderate, and of course the ate may differ according to the unsatances of each case. There is no other rule the subject of the sub

subject. So the statement of the "great authority", in he made it, that the alleged rule is, "a survival from the days when a steam toyage across the Atlantic lasted a fortuight or more," is also not correct. There never was such a rule to survive. And the further statement that, "what the court then required was that a steamship in a fog should not be running above half or one-third speed," is no more accurate. The rule which I have stated above has been the rule of decision of the Admirality Court of England, and the rule of the Admiralty Court of England, and the rule of navigation for steamships in fog ever since the first statutory rules for avoiding collision were adopted in England, which was in 1863. And the law of the United States is the same.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. ROBERT D. BENEDICT.

Why Suicide Is Wrong.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your correspondent "R." must have read my article with little care if he imagines me to have said that suicide is allowable. I said that it was a fatal act of folly. This is the rational ground, as it seems to me, on which to base the prohibition. Based on an irrational and fantastic ground, such as is implied in calling suicide "self-murder," the prohibition will fail of effect.

Nobody is so silly as to suppose that everything not prohibited in Scripture is permitted. It is nevertheless a fact that suicide is not directly prohibited in Scripture, though the Henderson yard and one at DENNY'S; as I said before, the instances of it recorded

It does not seem to me that a historian goes much beyond his province in surveying GOLDWIN SMITH. TOBONTO, Dec. 8.

Quaint Horse-Thief-Capturing Society.

From the Boston Herald The Society in Dedham for Apprehending Horse Thieves held its nintieth annual meeting last evening. The organization is the origin in the early part of the century, when of catching the purloiners of horseflesh was and other wonders. personal effort, and when the owners had no personal effort, and when the owners had no telegraph or telephone to scatter the aiarm and set all a-watch for them. The society embraced the first citizens of the town, which then included much territory that has since been carved into new towns, and each man stood ready at a moment's notice to rids after horse and cattle thieves.

The society is grounded on the solid rock financially, having a cash balance on hand of \$1.0856. Its membership runs up into the hundreds, and is constantly increasing.

drum you propound to philologists in your Issue of to-day as to the origin of the phrase "chewing the rag"

seems to me an easy one.

Any tired and nervous mother who has alternated between a squalling baby in its cradle and her im-perative domestic duties until life seemed to be hardly

provision relating to the erection or con-struction of buildings in the borough of struction is paid to the things that the prevention of cruelty so arduous, so difficult, as they are only flaws in a general system of Brooklyn, because the provisions of that entertain. There are alluring side shows it is in Spain," and he believes that the widespread government of demonstrated excellence, title of the law of 1888 were continued in as in other fairs.

he says frankly that "in no country in the world is the prevention of crucity so arduous, so difficult, as it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread interest in buil fighting is responsible for much of the indifference to animal suffering which pervades all classes of society—the upper classes doing practically nothing toward restricting that barbarous amusement of the nation.

Outle recently, however, "the inauguration of a new buil ring at Barcelona has called forth a vigorous protest from the press of that city, of Madrid, and from one of the Malaga daily papers." The Barcelona S. P. A. has passed a resolution against the new buil ring, and is forming a committee to get the signatures of prominent citizens, in the hope of suppressing the sport entirely and at once. Senor de Toledo deplores so imprudent a zeal. The immediate suppression of buil fights he recognizes as impossible. Too many industries, he says, are involved. One should consider the army of breeders. nevertheless, to the old principles of Democracy, and so a great number of Democrats joined with the Republicans and it was benten.

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being taken down, it is safe to say that the memory of George Dewey's famous victory that Senor de Toledo would work for at the present a Puritanical town. Put it alongside of fence of wood and stands on the boundary that this memory will be more lasting than tain. Even material support for that purpose from abroad he considers undesirable. "The movement ---if movement there is to be --must." he says, "be thoroughly national." All interference from the "foreigner will do harm instead of good; for it is reties of the university desire a man for President to succeed Dr. Gilman "who must cause of animal protection in other ways Senor de Toledo is only too thankful to accept. He is working to establish in the public schools children's so disposed. Humane literature, in the form of illus-

ART NOTES.

Mr. Ben Foster's Summer Work Brooklyn's Mineral Painters.

Mr. Ben Foster, well known in local art

sets the world aftre, does conscientious work | Museum of Art by J. Pierpont Morgan, was that will pass muster in most exhibitions. Beginning with its issue of Sunday, the now shows at the Delmonico rooms the reeight landscapes, a belated Thanksgiving value intrinsically as well as historically canvas representing a fine pumpkin, tather ticularly fond of the twilight hour. A lone tree outlined against the last gleam of day, a hill-side in shadow, with the final glories of a sunset that was probable the state of myrile, oak and hereafts twined space of myrile, oak and hereafts twined space of myrile, oak and hereafts twined space. delight and despair just over the crest, the last rays of the sun gilding some lonely hilltop while all else is in shadow-such are the bits which seem to appeal to the artist and have which seem to appeal to the artist and have led him to attempt a sort of specialty. Such being the case, it is rather surprising that he ignores so persistently one truth with which keen observers of the day's phases are familiar, namely, that as twilight creeps on all color fades from a landscape. Darkness and color are impossible together; semiand color are impossible together; semidarkness and color, almost so. Yet here we have a picture (No. 3) showing a last gleam of gold upon the Litchfield Hills, in which, while it is almost night, we find broad patches of still almost vivid green in the valley that fills the foreground. The same curiosity is noted in "Evening on the Hilltops," No. and again in "Early Twillight in Connecticut Not all of Mr. Foster's work is in the minor key. There is a Turneresque "Iridescent Morn" and a "Rosy Evening," with an uncommonly big crescent moon, both of which show ambition and versatility. Perhaps the most ambitious canvas of the lot is "The Charcoal Burners," a roughly wooded hillside, partly denuded of trees. This shows bold handling, the paint being almost poured on, and if better hung might create quite

an impression. But here again the painter

seems not to be quite sure whether it is day

to do with the light of the sky. Persons fond

of courting pneumonia in dark, damp woods

will find pleasure in the "Wet Day in the

Pines. " a good picture of its class of a spot

The Brooklyn Society of Mineral Painters,

where arbutus ought to grow.

or night-the light of the earth has nothing

lusty rival of our New York Society of Keramic Arts, opened a two days' exhibition at the Pouch mansion in Clinton avenue on Tuesday, its sixth annual show of the sort. About a score of members have work | WEST FLORIDA WANTS TO SECEDE so uniformly excellent that it is almost unkind to mention a few of the exhibitors and not all. If discrimination must be made. the work done by Mrs. G. T. Collins, Miss Ida Miller, Mrs. F. G. Mintram, Mrs George E. Chichester, Miss B. H. Proctor, Mrs. R. Gove, Miss I. A. Johnson, Mrs. C. A. Phillips and Miss Jessie Knight especially deserve in exhibitions of this kind, the simplest work Legislature has passed resolutions for the flowers and ferns, done without too much refinement, bold splashes of color such as are shown by Mrs. Worth Osgood, studies in field lore such as Miss Johnson's set of a dozen plates, each representing a phase of mushroom growth, or Miss Proctor's roses, could not well be better. When the club attempts elaborate figure work and landscape it is apt to go to pieces. The general level of workmanship is, however, surprisingly high, and the days when a blue cow upon a red meadow was one of the surprises of the hopeful woman china painter are far in the distant past. The club will soon begin to prepare a collection for the Buffalo Exhibition of next year.

A free exhibition of pictures by Joseph Lindon Smith of Boston will open to-day at the rooms of the Architectural League 215 West Fifty-seventh street. Mr. Smith went to Europe a year ago with a commission from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts to reproduce the frescoes on the so-called to artists, but conferred upon Mr. Smith amid silent prayer and solemn exhortation, the order of the Meddide. These fresces year-in this case the old century-passes into the are among the works to be shown. The exhibition will last until the 25th of this month | At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Dec. 31 a special Som of the expected glo les of the coming | meeting of the ministers and elders of the New York

seen upon canvas at the Imperial Hotel, idest, and, it is now thought, the only one where a small exhibition of pictures repreof its kind in the United States. It had its senting views upon the exposition grounds was opened yesterday afternoon. The horse thieves were more common than at largest picture of the lot is a birdseye view the present time and when the only means of the Midway with its Mexican bull ring

MANY AT THE SPRAGUE SALE And the Price Obtained Were Better Yes terday Toan at the Opening Day.

Interest increased in the Sprague collection sale at the American Art Galleries yesterday, when Chinese porcelains and Japanese bronzes and pottery were disposed of. The offerings attracted bidders and there churches will improve such a unique occasion. were spurts of competition, although for the most part people who went to the galleries To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: The conun- with their eyes open were able to buy for very little money articles which they would find much difficulty in duplicating, and some meaning, and true form of the good word Stboy of which cannot be duplicated. It was enbetween a squalling baby in its crade and her imperative domestic duties until life seemed to be hardly worth living, and then picked up a convenient "rag," placed in its enveloping folds a modicum of sugar deftiy secured with a string, and inserted the same in the mouth of the recalcitrant howler, can readily understand from the sweet peace that pervades her breast and that kitchen, as the youngster contentedly "chews the rag," the origin of the term I most cordially agree with The Sun, "Though it cannot be called beautiful, it is doubtless good."

Grand Gorge, N. Y., Dec. 4. J. N. WRIGHT.

To the Editor of The Sun—Str: To "chew the rag" is to keep on talking after the event, to hold a post mortem, to talk under your breath or behind your hand, or behind your hand, or behind your handkerchief, to mumble; hence to chew the fabric or rag.

Spanish Movement to Abolish Buil Fighting.

From Our Animal Friends.

We are able to give our readers the substance of a recent letter from Señor J. Garcia de Toledo, President of the Malaga League for the Protection of Animals and Plants. As founder of the Malaga society he says frankiy that "in no country in the world is the prevention of crucky so adduous, so difficult, as it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain." and he believes that the widespread it is in Spain. The S lightening to see in the audience a man whose charit is in all probability derived from an old Lincoln exquisite, collection was recently sold bideshire word "hister," which Halliwell in his "Dictionary

code color at \$24, a black hawthern was of such shape and resembling the Chiendang ork, which seemed to be hardly appreciated. \$37, and a hawthern far in blue and white I rather good shape and color at \$102.50. Rats in brenze went at \$20 and higher, and sened to be sought after. A bronze hawk life size brough \$75. For a pair of hangig lanterns in the shape of paredas\$470 was aid. An eagle by Takachika went at \$130. The proceeds of the day's saie were \$3,718, he total for the two days being \$11,126.50, oday miscellaneous curios, Oriental silver. To-day miscellaneous curies, Ori ntal silver Japanese sword guards and arms, and phose-graphs collected by Mr Sprague in his travel are among the things to be sold.

Marbles in Connecticut.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In Connect cieurs for the protection of animals, toward which cut we used to call the marbles painted white and plan the new Minister of Public Instruction is well then striped, annies. I have never heard that word a we used to call the marbles palated white and disposed. Humane literature, in the form of illus-trated books and pamphlets in Spanish, is greatly needed, and Senor de Toledo asks it of his American friends.

ANCIENT GREEK GOLD WORK

d. P. Morgan's Interesting Gift to the Metro politan Museum on Exhibition

The collection of ancient Greek goldsmills circles as a young painter who, if he never work, which was presented to the Metropolit put on exhibition in the gold room of the museum vesterday morning. The collects There are its extremely interesting and is of greand artistically. It includes a gold crown

are assigned to the period between 300 and The mask is life size and is of thin emossed gold. It bears the following inscrip

CANADA.

Japanese Immigrants - The Georgian Bay (anal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4 - There is matter to which your Government will have sooner or later to give its attention. I refer to the increasing numbers of Japanese who are becoming naturalized British subjects in British Columbia, many of them doing so for the purpose of going later on across the border to engage in business. They hope by naturalization to escape the operation of the laws prohibiting the entry of Asiatics to which the Chinese are subject on both sides of the boundary. On the Pacific Coast the question is causing a great agitation among the working classes, who are already beginning to sufter from the influx of cheap Asiatic labor in the muse and fisheries.

the railway from Farry Sound on Lake upon to Quebee 18 watking prejudically the Government receipts from the canals; is quantity of grain carried over the railay from the West to tide water being so much betracted from the transportation on the mais. The experience already gained during the short time the railway has been open will prejudice the chances of government esistance being given to the Ottawa and leorgian Bay canal scheme, which has al-early been endangered by the part taken endangered by the part taken

Movement to Join It to Alabama if the Voters So Decide.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 5 .- The question of the annexation of West Florida-that is, all of Florida west of the Chattahoochee River, or about one-sixth of the State-to Alabama will be submitted to a popular vote of the people appointment of a committee to visit Florida and ascertain from the Legislature and Gov-ernor what consideration would be expected for that part of the State known as West

Pensacola is the head centre of the seces-Pensagola is the head centre of the secession movement and the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business Lengue of that city are taking the lead in the movement. At a joint meeting of these two organizations it was decided to place the question of secession from Florida and annexation to Alabama before the people of West Florida and to call a public meeting of citizens at an early day to take the necessary steps toward holding an election to pass on the question.

THE NEW CENTURY.

Arrangements for Special Religious Services to Usher It In.

From the Church Economist. A number of enterprising churches are preparing for an extra occasion, and many others, doubtless will " celebrate " when the night of the last day of the century comes, in a more or less in formal way.

As might be supposed, the Methodists are taking the lead in preparations. Generally, the service begins sarcophagus of Alexander in the Imperial at 9 o'clock, and starts with a good deal of jollity.

Museum in Constantinople. The Turkish As midnight approaches the tone grows more serious. Government not only gave the needed per-mission, which has heretofore been refused is held, continuing till five minutes of 12. Then,

> Presbytery is to be held at the Brick Church. Solen devotional exercises are to be conducted by Rev. Dr Charles Cuthbert Hall. At 6 o'clock the assemblag take a simple support together, as the guests of the Brick Church, in the lecture room of that church After supper they return to the main auditorium and continue in worship till 9 o'clock, the principal feature being a communion service. At θ o'clock the service terminates, the understanding being that many of

> the individual churches will begin a watch-night ser Some object to watch-night services as savoring o much of late hours, dissipation and reaction. To meet objections along this line, a movement of recen years has favored the morning watch, or a sunrise service. Certainly, the dawn of the new century will be worth witnessing, and affords an opportunity for a special service of rededication. No doubt many

St'boy From Hister.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! IN CO. of Archaic and Provincial Words" defines as meaning "Be off!" The original form was doubless "Histo boy," and the various forms now in use are either con-

tractions or corruptions of the original. as evidenced by the nature of his work and personauts solete Phrases, Proverbs and Ancient Customs, Front the Fourteenth Century," by "James Orchard Hainwed, Esq., F. R. S., Hon. Member of the Royal Irish Academy, Corresponding Member of the Royal Society of Scotland, of the Archieological Society of Stock-Member of the Royal Society of Laterature, of the New Insutunou, of the Ashmoiesn Society at Oxford, end Fellow of the Somety of Antiquenes; Corresponding Member of the Comits des Arts et Monuments," &c. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 4. G. G. FAUGHT.

"Historic Westchester" in THE SUN of Sunday is very viz.: "The actual spot where Washington, Rochamviz.: "The actual spot where Washington, Rochambeau and Sir Guy Carleton met was on the west side, at Tappen, and not far from where Major André was hanged." Count Rochambeau could not have been present because on Dec. 1, 1782, he. at Providence, R. L. standskred command of the French Army to Faron de Vlománie, and set out for Philadelphia, thence to Annapolis, Md., artiving on Sunday, Jan. 12, 1783. On the morning of Friday, Jan. 17, 1785, the Count with his suite emiarked on board his Most Christian Majesty's frigate, the "Emerande," for France, therefore he could not have been present. May 6 on the bank of the Hudson River. A. A. FOLSOM. BROCKLINE, Mass., Dec. 4.

with pleasure all that has been written in THE SUN

We do not have the Standard or other hig diction aries in these woods, but consettish is good West VI ginlan for stuck up. 174 - the dictionaries got II.

MANWOOD, W. Va., Dec. 1.

Thanksgiving Day in New Orleans.

From the New Orleans Times Democrat. In the past years comparatively few persons had any special celebration on the last Thursday in November finner there was no special feature to mark the da But how different was it yesterday in New Orlean There can be no question that the prosperous eure threw an enthusiasm into the day and made oot. a far greater holiday than it would otherwise ! been. Every one felt that New Orleans had good ca :

for rejoicing and ought to rejoice heartily.